



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Request from Graffiti Abatement Service

MEETING DATE: March 16, 1994

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council allow Mr. Dennis Cochran from Graffiti Abatement Service to explain his attached request and take the appropriate action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Attached is a copy of the request received from Graffiti Abatement Service, dated February, 1994, requesting to be placed on the agenda for the Council Meeting of March 16, 1994 or April 2, 1994.

After reading the attached request, it appears that Mr. Cochran still has a problem with the City's action related to the City's graffiti removal on Pacific Coast Producer's Turner Road storage facility. This action took place over two years ago. Therefore, I'm attaching a copy of an undated letter received from Mr. Cochran on this subject and my response. The exhibits referred to in his letter are not included because Mr. Cochran requested that they be returned to him.

Staff will be happy to respond to any specific concerns Mr. Cochran has or answer any questions the Council may have after hearing his presentation.

FUNDING: Not applicable.

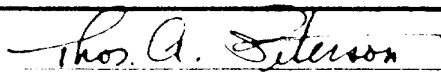

Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

JLR/lm

Attachments

cc: City Attorney
Graffiti Abatement Service
Street Superintendent
Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Les Dabritz

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THOMAS A. PETERSON
City Manager



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Graffiti Abatement Service
P.O.Box 1220
Woodbridge, CA 95258

February, 1994

Request for Agenda Date. 3-16-94 or 4-2-94

Dear Ms. Perrin:

I would like to ask Councilman Ray Davenport to help me get an idea on how much money the City of Lodi spent on the industrial paint job on Turner road. I had an disagreement with Glen Balzer on the merits of the February 21, 1992, release form which caused me to loose a nice paint job and the chance to meet Jim Schweickardt, from the Community Involvement Division, from the Lodi Chamber of Commerce. The form was signed a day or two after I joined the Lodi Chamber of Commerce, two big grey squares on the tilt-up wall, ruined my chance to demonstrate my special cleaning of concrete walls. The same day I was to network within P.C.P. while the City painted over my planned project. Their buildings all over town were in graffiti condition. I felt Jack Ronsko wasn't sincere when he said public relations was important when he wrote me a letter on March 4, 1992.

The public relations I am thinking about is the low treatment Jack Ronsko has shown to Les Dabritz by not using his name in the letter and referring the membership to sign the form which promised a one half measure job to private enterprise. Les Dabritz is my role model, he deserves a lot of respect. Ronsko has not faced the fact that the City reacted after I had started a true improvement program and brought small harms by ignoring their own graffiti until I initiated a good program. The P.C.P. eye sore (photos) night very well still be there had I not provoked the improvement. Please go over the story with the City Manager. I think he is trying to move forward with revitalization while he has failed to address the public relations about the letter and release forms from Jack Ronsko.

I think Glen Balzer jumped into my business before they could control their own graffiti. I feel that public relations were bad because the lack of respect Ronsko showed Mr. Dabritz and myself in a letter promoting a lesser quality type of situation. I feel insulted that the City Manager would think he could have a big story in the Chamber Magazine regarding revitalization when the release contract hurts private enterprise and compromises quality. I hoped for a long time Jack Ronsko would have lived-up to the fact that the revitalization program started at P.C.P. was jumped into by the Cites release forms. The Chamber of Commerce is a sanctuary for private enterprise which should give comfort and security to its members. The story of the City Manager gaining popularity on my issue really hurts me. I wish a dialogue with the City Manager and Jack Ronsko with our elected Councilman Ray Davenport looking for truth's. Thank you.

Dennis Cochran
334-6767

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dedication this past year. It has been an honor to serve as the sixty-fifth President of the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce.

Moving forward on revitalization



AN INSIDE VIEW
By Tom Peterson

No doubt, just about everyone in the business community has heard by now some mention of the efforts on the part of the City Council and City staff to help coordinate and promote Downtown and Cherokee Lane revitalization. The interest level on the part of both business and property owners in those areas is as high as it probably ever has been.

The City Council, at its regular meeting of November 17, authorized the staff to work with a consultant to develop a scope of work and cost estimates for what will be a comprehensive plan to achieve these revitalization efforts. This phase of the program will be coordinated by the City's Economic Development Coordinator, Janet Keeter. The firm with whom initial discussions have been held is that of Freedman, Tung and Bottomley of San Francisco. Mr. Michael Freedman has conducted two meetings in Lodi to discuss both Downtown and Cherokee Lane revitalization. His firm has a

proven record of accomplishments in cities in California and elsewhere.

What is most important to remember is that whatever plans and strategies are developed will be the result of input received from business and property owners in those areas, as well as citizens throughout the community. That's the way Freedman's firm operates -- that the plan is your plan, not his plan. If it's not your plan and you are thus not committed to it, it simply will not work.

In addition to the revitalization efforts, the City Council and Planning Commission is reviewing the prospect of redevelopment in our City. A joint public meeting of those two bodies was scheduled for Tuesday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in the Carnegie Forum, to hear a presentation on this important issue. Redevelopment is another vehicle which could serve to help bring improvements to our business community and adjacent neighborhoods.

We are headed for exciting times. It will not be easy and there will certainly be areas of disagreement at the outset. But whatever is best for Lodi is the course we must choose.

Chamber official to express your viewpoint.

Here are some of the issues facing the Lodi business community during the coming year: final determination for the new fixed-route Lodi transit system; develop a transit system which links Lodi with Stockton and other points in San Joaquin County; finalize Am-track service and determine the location of the Lodi train depot; maintain the Kentucky House rail line east from Lodi to the Mother Lode; work toward more efficient and cost-effective alternatives to correct the alleged contamination by PCE and TCE of the groundwater basin; decide on the proposed increase of the business license tax, with the majority of the monies raised used to complete Hutchins Street Square; review finalized plans for the revitalization of Downtown Lodi and Cherokee Lane; consider a new sign ordinance (now scheduled for Planning Commission agenda next February, 1994.)

As we begin to prepare for another year, you can count on several other interesting local issues to surface.

The Chamber will continue to examine the pros and cons, and the organization's position will be presented to the City Council, Planning Commission and additional governmental agencies. One of our goals for 1994 is to become even more aggressive in identifying local issues and emphasize the Chamber's views either for or against any proposed legislation affecting the Lodi business community.

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Listed below are a number of ways that releases could be obtained and any of these could be used in combination with one another. If the Public Works Department is to be responsible for an ongoing pro-active program, it would be our goal to have a release for all properties subject to graffiti.

1. Part-time City employee - A part-time employee could be used, going door-to-door. The working hours of this employee would have to be set other than the standard 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in order to reach those people who work. It is important that this employee be bilingual.
2. Volunteers - An effort could be made to get volunteers to go door-to-door to obtain releases. As mentioned at the Council meeting, there are many senior citizens who might be willing to do this. There are also service clubs and civic organizations whose members may want to make this a project. It would also be helpful if some of these volunteers were also bilingual.
3. Mass mailing - A mass mailing could be sent to all property owners in the areas most affected by graffiti. This mailing should include information on the graffiti ordinance as well as a release form. An addressed envelope could be included to make it easier for owners to return it to the City. Our Finance Department could produce the mailing labels.
4. Neighborhood Watch Program - The releases could be given to all Neighborhood Watch captains so they could get signed releases from their group members as well as their surrounding neighborhood.
5. Police Explorers - The Police Explorers could be used similar to part-time City employees.

Public Relations

It is important that this program be kept in the public eye. It will be necessary to advertise in the paper similar to what the City of Modesto has done. We will put an information board in the lobby at City Hall which reminds people to sign the release and also to report graffiti locations. The City Newsletter should also be used. Bulletins could be sent to service clubs, as well as to the Chamber of Commerce, asking that they remind their members to sign releases and report graffiti. We could also use the public service announcement spots provided by Cable TV and local radio stations.

As suggested at the last Council meeting, stores selling spray paint should be notified of the ordinance and their responsibilities under the ordinance. The City could make signs available to these stores for posting. A package similar to the No Smoking Ordinance package could be prepared.

Funding

The Community Development Department has confirmed that we can use Community Development Block Grant funds for an ongoing graffiti abatement program in the area eligible for these funds. It is our feeling that over 90% of the graffiti is presently found in this area. A map showing this area is attached as Exhibit D. These funds can only be used for manpower if the worker is a full-time or contract City employee. We could not hire an employee from a service agency. These funds can also be used for materials, equipment and public relations.

The Community Development Block Grant Fund projects for 1992-93 are currently being formalized. These projects will be presented for approval to the City Council in April. The money will become available on July 1, 1992. Any work on the graffiti abatement program between now and July 1, 1992 must be funded with City dollars.

It is possible that service clubs and other organizations may be willing to contribute money to be used for newspaper advertising and informational material once the program is up and running.

Recommendation

Since Community Development Block Grant funds could be provided for an ongoing program and if the Council desires the City to become involved in a pro-active graffiti program, it is our recommendation that the City Council approve and fund Alternate 1. At the end of the initial trial period, we feel we would see a significant decrease in graffiti City-wide and we would have an employee fully trained in graffiti removal. It would be in the City's best interest to then transition this trained part-time employee into a contract employee whose position would be funded with Community Development Block Grant funds.

It is also our recommendation that the Council appropriate a total of \$9,000.00 to cover the cost of Alternate 1 and money needed for the public relations segment of the program.

FUND: The appropriation to fund this interim program could be made out of the City's Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, since one of the eligible expenditure categories for this fund is for City beautification.


Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

Prepared by Sharon Blaufus, Administrative Assistant

JLR/SB/lm

Attachments

cc: Arthur Price
Graffiti Abatement Service
Police Department
Street Superintendent



**CITY OF LODI
GENERAL RELEASE/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
FOR
GRAFFITI ABATEMENT**

NO. _____

Location of Graffiti (address) 925

Responsible Party _____

First

Middle

Last

Telephone () _____

Property Owner's Name _____

First

Middle

Last

Property Owner's Address _____

Street

Apt. No.

City

State

Zip

Date 2-21-92

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AGREEMENT

1. Responsible Party agrees as a condition and in consideration of City's abatement of graffiti on the property described above, to save, defend and hold harmless the City, its employees, officers and agents from liability and/or damages of any kind whatsoever incurred by owner or third parties arising from City's actions or failure to act in this regard.
2. Responsible Party consents to the entry upon the subject property by City, its agents or employees at any reasonable time for the purpose of such graffiti abatement. There shall be no charge by City for these services.
3. It is understood by Responsible Party that City makes no representations that paint or material used to abate graffiti will match or blend with existing paint or finish. It is further understood that no warranty is intended nor shall attach to the workmanship or materials used for graffiti abatement including warranty of fitness for purpose. City shall have exclusive discretion as to the methods, materials, and colors utilized in such abatement.

Responsible Party's Signature _____

Date: _____

This authorization to abate graffiti shall be in effect until such time that responsible party gives written notice to City of its intent to revoke this General Release/Hold Harmless Agreement. Graffiti abatement procedures shall be implemented as many times as needed by the City of Lodi at their discretion.

BUDGET & FINANCE DIVISION

Connie Lorz, Vice President
(Quality Business Service)

Objective: To review all revenue opportunities, oversee fiscal practices of the Chamber, reduce expense and report financial status of the Chamber to the Board and Members.

Budget & Finance Committee
Connie Lorz (Quality Business Service)

- * Oversee Chamber's Finances on a monthly basis
- * Improve Financial Reporting and Accounting process

Fund Development Committee
Ron Myers (Pacific Coast Producers)

- * Development of Short and Long Range Chamber Funding Plan
- * Investigate and Recommend Major Sources of Non-dues Funding

Lodi Street Faire Committee
Dorean Rice (Credit Bureau of Lodi)

- * Prepare Operating Plan, Budget and Marketing Strategy for two Street Faires for 1992
- * Review and Evaluate Results

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Bob Johnson, Vice President
(Duncan, Duncan & Assoc.)

Objective: To support the needs of existing businesses, promote business in general in Lodi, be sensitive to needs to special segments, i.e. industry and agribusiness, and work for opportunities to attract new businesses to Lodi.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES DIVISION

Doug Gerard, D.C., Vice President
(Hayes Chiropractic)

Objective: To promote local business, maintain good communication with members for retention, provide opportunities for self-promotion of members and recruitment of new members.

Ambassadors Committee, Chairman
Alicia Hernandez (Bank of America)

- * Hold Membership Coffees
- * Hold quarterly Membership Orientation
- * Hold Monthly Mixers
- * Assist in Membership Retention
- * Attend Ribbon Cuttings and Grand Openings
- * Conduct Golf Tournament

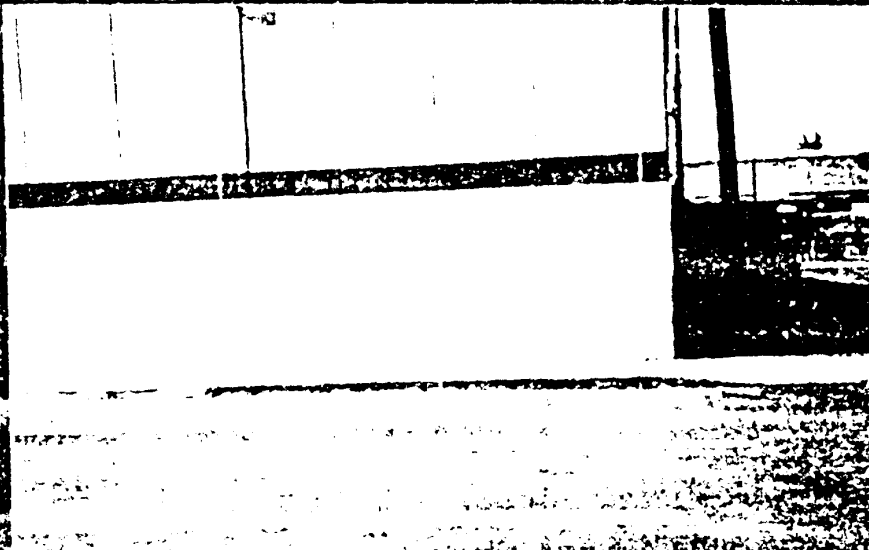
Retail & Business Committee
Elizabeth Rosenquist (Wiggins & Associates)

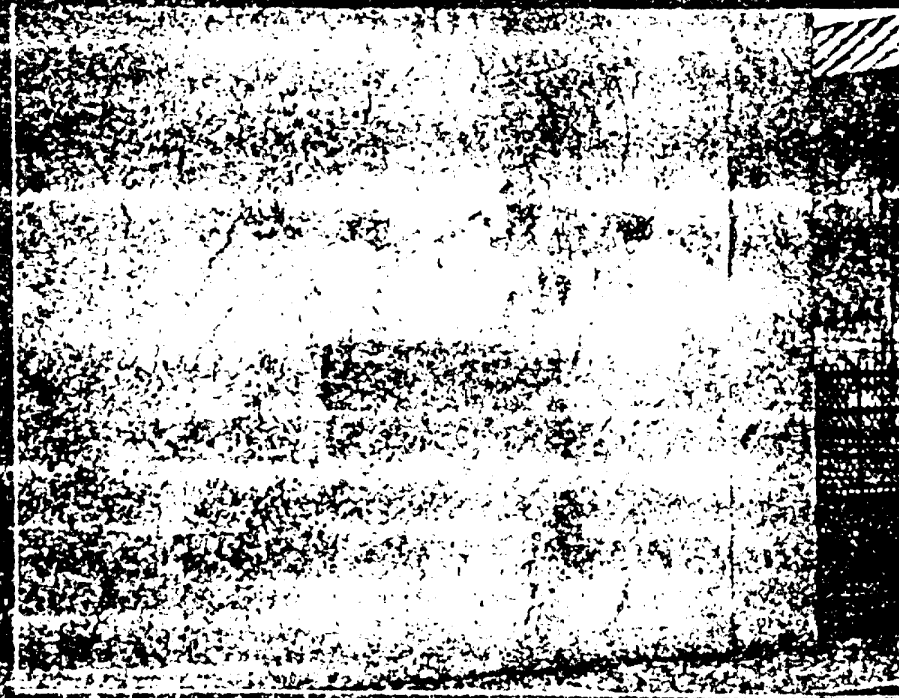
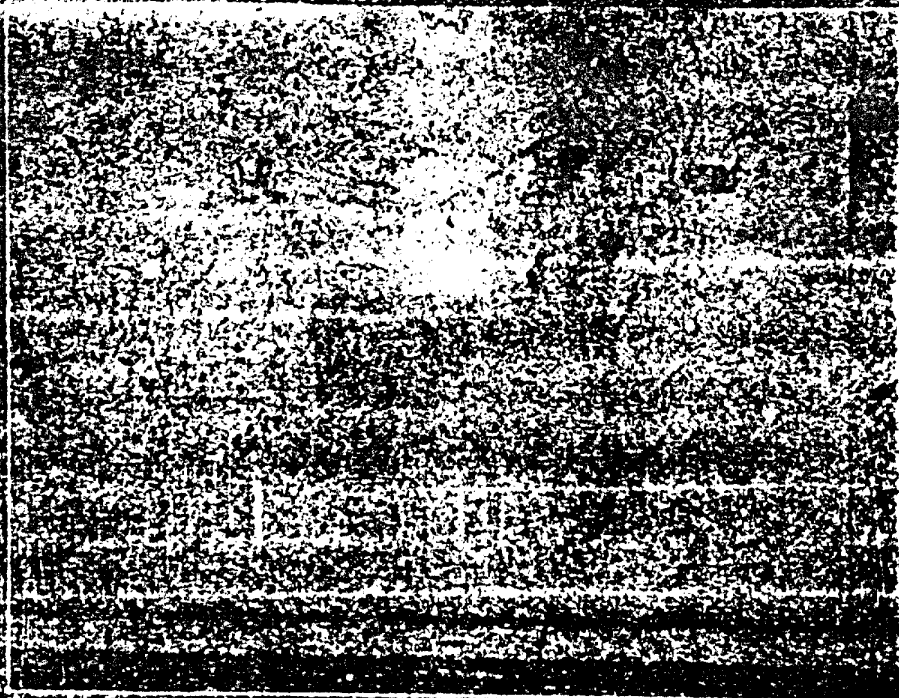
- * Promote Lodi Campaign (Coupon Book)
- * Conduct Lodi Trade Show
- * Provide Seminars
- * Chamber/City Joint Promotional Program

President's Club
Duane Simpfenderfer
(I.D.S. Financial Services)

- * Assist with Membership Acquisition on a personal basis







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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
DIVISION**

Jim Schweickardt, Vice President
(Pacific Coast Producers)

Objective: Take a pro-active role in community and legislative issues and community concerns, including educational concerns and developing new leadership for the future.

**Government and Transportation Review
Committee (GTRC)**
Robert Maus (Bank of Stockton)

- Conduct televised Public Office Candidates Forum
- Present position recommendation on ballot issues to represent the concerns of member businesses
- Influence public policy at appropriate level of government on transportation and governmental issues to represent the needs of member businesses
- Speak for all committees on governmental concerns in a timely manner

Education Committee/School Relations
Harvey Robins (Tax Management Service)

- Provide business advisory role to LUSD to infuse career education into curriculum
- Develop and implement "Lodi Compact" with LUSD
- Provide recognition to selected students of LUSD
- New Educators Welcome

Leadership Lodi Steering Committee
Linda Briw (Walter Cribbins, Inc.)

- Hold Third Annual Leadership Lodi Program
- Support Alumni Group to encourage on-going participation in the Chamber

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BUDGET & FINANCE DIVISION

☐ **Lodi Street Faire** (Dorean Rice)
Lodi Credit Bureau

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DIVISION

☒ **Government & Transportation
Review Committee** (Bob Maus)
Bank of Stockton

☐ **Leadership Lodi Steering
Committee** (Linda Briw)
Walter Cribbins Co.

☐ **School Relations** (Harvey Robbins)
Tax Mgmt. Serv.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

☐ **Agribusiness** (Tony Racco)
Littlehale Vineyards

☐ **Economic Concerns** (Leon Zimmerman)
Bank of Lodi

☐ **Industrial Relations** (Krana Dworkin)
U.S.A. Fashion Magic

☐ **Tourism** (Ronnie Whitman)
Wine Country Travel

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES DIVISION

☐ **Ambassadors** (Alicia Hernandez)
Bank of America

☐ **Retail & Business** (Liz Rosenquist)
Wiggins & Assoc.

☐ **Presidents Club** (D. Simpenderfer)
I.D.S. Financial Serv.

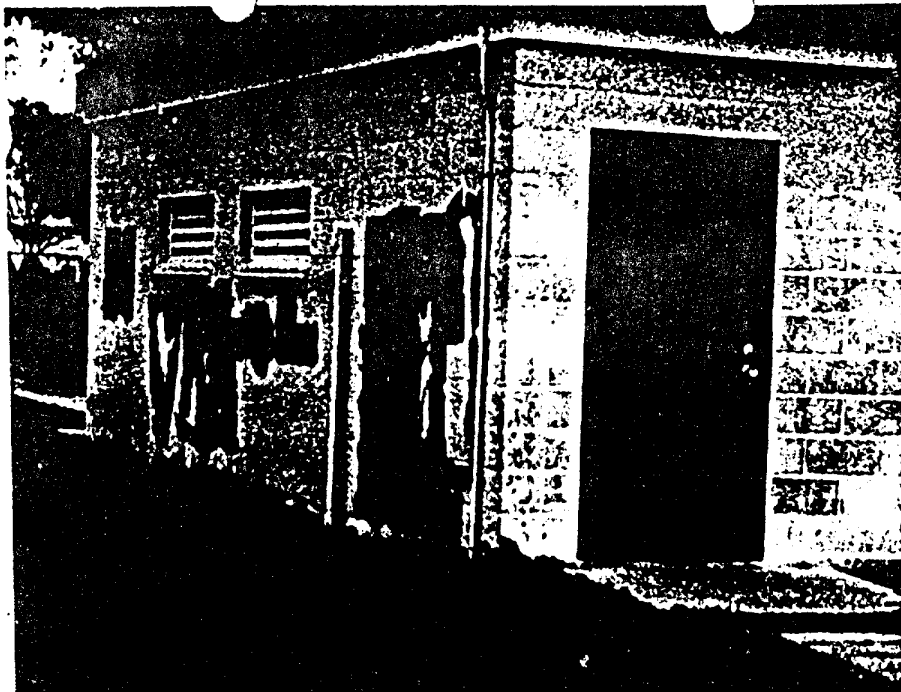
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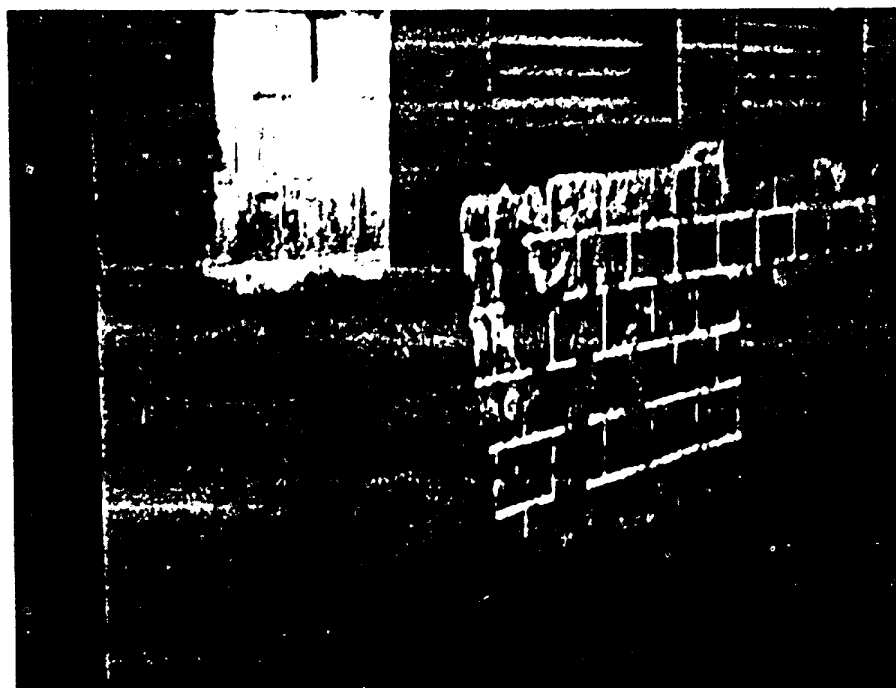
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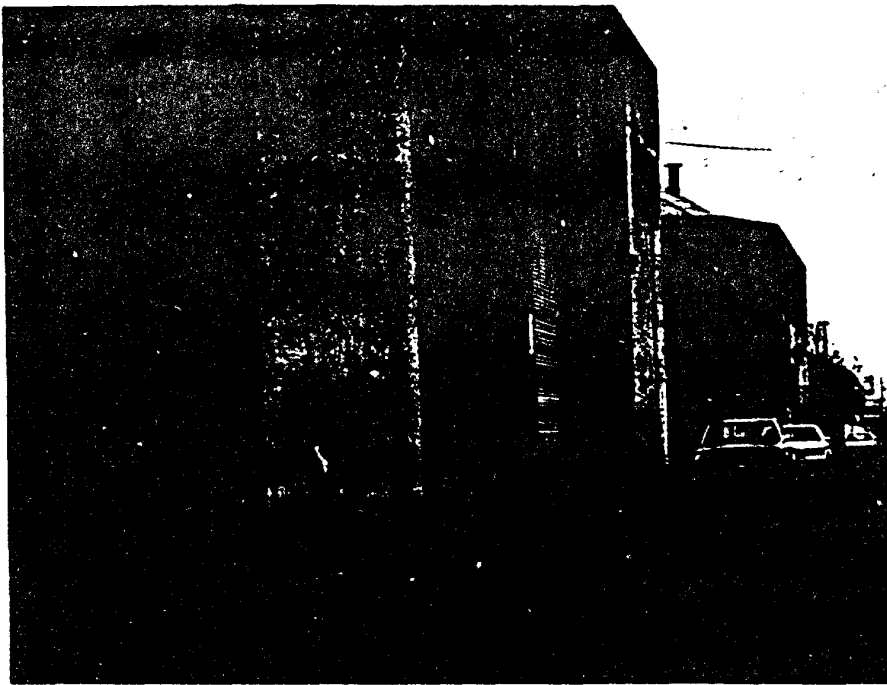
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SIGNATURE _____



While city workers paint on
PVT. property BLAKLEY PARK sits
Blutchen up for months





UN AUTHORIZED
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THE SAME
DAY I
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Dennis Cochran
935 Coloma
Lodi, CA 95240

To: Jack Ronsko.

Would you please provide me with the name of the City worker who painted the grey squares on the concrete tilt-up walls shown on the photograph Exhibit A? The person who painted squares took away my only opportunity to show my special cleaner program to one of the most important persons I've ever met. The covered over graffiti was probably 1 & 1/2 hours work for me. The person desiring a demonstration of the improvement program, has placed community concern at the top of his agenda. Mr. Jim Schweickardt is in charge of community involvement division as a leader with the Lodi Chamber of Commerce (see Exhibit B). The right time and the right person at the right location to do a unique demonstration of my own crafted concept.

The "academic American dream" is to build a better mousetrap, own your own business, learn how to clean a better window, be a risk taker, be an entrepreneur. One reason I joined the Chamber of Commerce was to network my business in a proper and professional manner. The roll of Mr. Schweickardt is one of a renowned leader. Mainly the top man in his field. A small businessman, as myself, would want to resemble a long time successful vice-president, who is also committed to developing new leadership in Lodi. We have all heard the saying "we have but one chance for a first impression". My misfortune was: I never got a chance for that graffiti demonstration because I got off to a bad start with the P.C.P. Cannery due to the foreman Bill Dalrymple accusing me of trespassing on the day of my sales and public relations call. Dalrymple said we painted his walls with no approval. Dalrymple had checked with the staff and he was very angry with me. I gave him my word we did nothing, after all, we had just arrived at the cannery.

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I was upset at the fact that someone knew the day and time I was going to demonstrate Graffiti Abatement Service and someone else muddled the water. Dalrymple, believing my innocence, allowed me to demonstrate the process on a cinderblock wall with success. We did a previous graffiti job next door on Tokay (a side street) with Mr. Paullett and his neighbor M & R. Packing who has been using our service for three years. I feel because of the intrusion of the grey squares, my interview with Dalrymple had been changed. The lost opportunity to Mr. Schweickardt with regard to the tilt-up concrete, harmed developing a new job classification (# 037 reg. # 74/148 947 Exhibit D). I am involved with the Government Review Committee and am extremely concerned about the timing of the City of Lodi painter attempting to perform graffiti abatement at the P.C.P. Cannery on the same day as we were. With 365 day's in a year the odds of an accidental meeting would be very remote. Consider facts as they are!!

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On 2-20-92, I signed with P.C.P. Cannery for a graffiti abatement demonstration. On 2-21-92, the City of Lodi signed up the P.C.P. Cannery mfg. plant on S. Stockton Street. Now that is a rare coincidence. I want to know the name of the person who signed up P.C.P. on 2-21-91. I need information about details! I joined Lodi Chamber of Commerce on 2-17-92 and Les DeBritz assisted me with information regarding a demonstration set for 2-25-92. I believe the Lodi Sentinel was also informed. Was information leaked, somehow, from the Chamber of Commerce to a certain City of Lodi employee who was real ambitious to spoil my demonstration?

You told me that one Release Form was all that was needed for all the P.C.P. properties. That's okay if you can make up the rules as you go along. The fact is that if you couldn't come up with some type of excuse, then the city could be guilty of trespassing. So, to let the person off the hook, P.C.P. Management nods their head to the idea that one Release Form is okay for all properties. Bill Dalrymple, and Mr. Paulette, the plant manager, were very upset with me on that day of 2-25-92. The very day of 2-25-92, the city workers should have been maintaining the city property (look at Blakely Park Exhibits E & F).

From the very beginning of this attack on graffiti, the record would show, from regular taxpayers, that the City of Lodi should maintain their own graffiti before reaching out or calling upon private property owners to correct theirs (see Exhibit G from Art Prices letter dated 4-24-90). So, on the day my demonstration was to take place, the city could have been controlling their own graffiti and let me develop my own small business, without interference from city paint crews on private property.

My painting technique requires perfect blending to the existing paint of the building (what I call "reverse painting"). I lost the chance to show Mr. Schweickardt this technique, which would have taken one gallon of a perfectly blended color and saved a lot of paint. I feel management from P.C.P. was embarrassed over the situation and they didn't feel the grey squares were an improvement, so they did paint over the "free abatement" provided by the city (see Exhibit O). The management must have felt awkward being in the position that I, as a Chamber Member, offered a reasonable cost effective improvement, which they could not take advantage of because it would make the city look bad. You may ask how? Well, I would do perfect work at a fair price, while the city does a half measure job - allegedly for free.

I highlighted (in yellow) the Public Relations Section on your Report on Graffiti Abatement, dated 3-4-92 (see Exhibit H). Public Relations is just what we need now, because I want to find out if the members would want to sign the Release Form. You are asking that they remind their members as if no discussion or debate on the form itself should be heard. The Public Relations needed may be to remember that the Government is to Serve the People. We need to watch out that the Government doesn't try to control rather than to serve.

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The Release Form should be judged on the basis of: Does it serve or does it control? I feel the form doesn't serve because it offers no guarantee, no warranty, no quality, and no workmanship. But, the form promises to give free work on private property. This smacks of Too Much Government to me.

I spent thousands of dollars to create the Job Classification #037, which was not intended to use as an excuse for more government hiring. This is a private enterprise job creation. During a hiring freeze, I would recommend "no" to your idea to appropriate 9,000 tax dollars to hire a new employee to work on private property (see Exhibit I). Why should a city employee be hired to take away jobs from the private sector?

The Release Form (see Exhibit J) does not promise anything except a compromise on my original idea of Graffiti Abatement Service. You may look at the publication of the Lodi Chamber of Commerce Business Action Report (see Exhibit K) and notice Chamber members want to be more of a voice for business front page news. The Government wants to help small business. The Government wants to develop small business not look for ways to compete or bring harm to business. Any elected official will maintain cut backs on Government spending, promote and encourage the private sector.

I want you to look at the package labeled Exhibit L. The packet contains a blank Release Form, which Bob Johnson has been encouraged to support. Also enclosed, is a letter from Duncan, Duncan and Associates who encourage the City of Lodi to support my program. Bob Johnson's focus, as a community leader, is to support the needs of existing business. I would respectfully ask you to maintain your own graffiti problems and refrain from having city employees do any painting jobs on private property where members of Graffiti Abatement Society, or possibly a Co-Op City-Chamber Program could be developed. The avenues to take are numerous. Any paint jobs could be put out to bid for regular painters.

There is a need for Public Relations efforts in this area. I direct all of my responses to you alone because of this Order (Exhibit M) Lodi Sentinel 2-15-92 Public Works Director seeks direction from City Counsel. (Exhibit N) Lodi Sentinel 2-20-92 City Counsel seeks direction from Public Works. Public Works Graffiti Abatement Report dated 3-4-92.

I feel strongly about this position. You made the recommendations. The City Counsel went along. I have no complaints with any City of Lodi personnel except you and the unnamed person who destroyed my one chance to do a perfect demonstration of my trademarked application to my biggest opportunity: Jim Schweiardt, Vice-President of P.C.P. And the demonstration would have been on his own Cannery Building. When that person unethically painted those squares, he ruined my opportunity.

Sincerely,


Dennis Cochran

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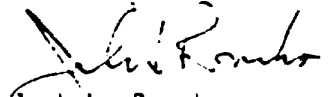
SUBJECT: Graffiti Removal

This is in response to the attached letter (no date) which you hand-delivered to me on Tuesday, June 23, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

The City's position on the PCP Cannery release is that it was appropriate for the work we accomplished. This release was reviewed with you and/or your representative on three different occasions. As we indicated to you at least twice, there is no reason to provide you with the name of the party who obtained the release. My staff and I have indicated to you on at least four occasions that the City in no way purposely timed our graffiti removal at PCP Cannery property to conflict with your scheduled graffiti abatement demonstration.

As I recommended to the City Council, you know my position on future graffiti abatement and what I feel is in the best interest of the City of Lodi and its citizens.

No further response will be made to the letter you hand-delivered to me or future letters related to the same subject matter.


Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

JLR/lm

Attachment

cc: City Manager + attachment
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Street Superintendent

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March 31, 1994

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Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Mr. Cochran:

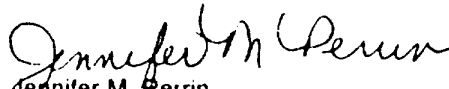
This letter is to notify you that your request regarding Graffiti Abatement Services was "laid on the table" by the City Council at its meeting of March 16, 1994. At your request the announcement was made by myself that you wished to postpone your matter to the next meeting due to the late hour. The City Council decided that there was not a need to discuss this matter as an agenda item; therefore, the action.

It was further stated that you may make your presentation under the segment of the agenda entitled, "Comments by the public on non-agenda items". You would be limited to five minutes and the City Council would not be able to take action on the matter; however, they would be able to set the matter for a future meeting if they so desired.

I would also like to inform you that Council Member Davenport has requested that this action to lay your request on the table be reconsidered. In order to reconsider this matter, a majority of the City Council must move that the matter be "taken up from the table" (please refer to the Council Communication prepared by the City Attorney attached). This matter will appear on the City Council agenda of April 6, 1994.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,


Jennifer M. Perrin
City Clerk

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Enclosure



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Request to Take a Matter From the Table (Graffiti Abatement Services)

MEETING DATE: April 6, 1994

PREPARED BY: City Attorney

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City Council at its meeting of March 16, 1994 voted to lay this matter on the table. Under Resolution No. 93-35, (E) (1) it is necessary that a Councilmember move that the matter be taken up from the table, seconded and passed by a majority. Such motion must be made at the meeting at which it is placed on the table or the next regular meeting of the body. Otherwise the motion tabled dies.

FUNDING: Unknown

Respectfully submitted,

Bob McNatt
City Attorney

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APPROVED _____

THOMAS A PETERSON
City Manager



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